Gross Budgetary Support for SSA

*194. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Cabinet had approved in the year 2000, a threshold level of Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for funding of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA);

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating subsequent revision, if any, in the GBS;

(c) the details of GBS actually provided to Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, year-wise since the year 2000;

(d) whether Government are contemplating revision of funding parameters of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) In 2000, the Government of India accorded an in principle approval for an additional allocation of Rs. 33,600 crore (base year 1999-2000) from the Central Plan over a ten year period, subject to resource availability and demand for resources from States, with the additional resource requirements having been calculated on the basis of 1999-2000 allocation of nearly Rs. 3000 crore.

(c) The Gross Budget Support was shown separately for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in the Union budget documents from 2006-07 onwards when a dedicated non-lapsable fund namely, the Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK) was established to account for the accruals of the education cess. The details of Central budget support provided from 2000-01 onwards, is as below:

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Budget Provision #	Out of which	
		GBS	PSK (Education Cess)
2000-2001	76.50	76.50	—
2001-2002	499.95	499.95	—
2002-2003	1569.26	1569.26	—
2003-2004	2732.29	2732.29	—

1	2	3	4
2004-2005	5139.75	Break up not available	
2005-2006	7568.40	Break up not available	
2006-2007	11000.00	5169.00	5831.00
2007-2008*	10671.00	3678.00	6993.00

*As per budget proposals presented

As per final grant figures

(d) to (f) The approved Centre-State funding pattern for the SSA programme was notified in 2001 as 85:15 for the IXth Plan period, 75:25 for the Xth Plan period and 50:50 thereafter.

Implementation of RGGVY

*195. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government propose to take to implement the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana, which involves providing access for electricity to rural households; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that the Below Poverty Line (BPL) Households in rural areas actually receive free connections as envisaged in the scheme and how will Government ensure that there is no discrimination in the hours of supply between rural and urban areas?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) The following steps have been made to expedite the implementation of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY):

- Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has entered into agreements with State Governments/State power utilities/distribution companies for implementation of the scheme.
- To augment the implementation capacities of the State electricity Boards/Power Utilities, the services of Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) which have demonstrated their capability in timely project execution with effective project management have been taken. Rural Electrification Corporation has entered into Memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with CPSUs like National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (NTPC), Power grid, National Hydro